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## Claims 1-9 (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) A method of querying a database through a secure network using a common object request broker architecture (CORBA), wherein said database is associated with a server computer running a server process, said server computer being connected to, and in communication with, a client computer through a network, said method comprising:

issuing, by a client process running on a said client computer, a query form for data from a said database;

sending said query form from said client computer to said server computer;

processing said query form, by said server computer, and retrieving rows of data satisfying said query form from said database as a worksheet grid form defining selected tabular data, wherein said worksheet grid form comprises multiple rows of data;

sending said worksheet grid form from said server computer to said client computer; and

packaging, by said client computer, said worksheet grid form representing updated data for marshaling tabular data for transfer between said client computer and said server computer, wherein said packaging of said worksheet grid form includes editing results of said query form and saving changes of data contained in said worksheet grid form in said database of said server;

updating said database through said network by transmitting said worksheet grid form from said client computer to said server computer; and

wherein said updating of said tabular data includes making cascaded mass changes to a set of related data across multiple tables, and

wherein said updating of said database of said worksheet grid form includes allowing only selected tables, rows, and columns to be updated by authorized users.

11. (Cancelled)

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12. (Cancelled)

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim ~~11~~ 10, wherein said updating of said tabular data includes selecting tabular data summarized by selected groups.

14. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein said packaging said worksheet grid form includes producing comparison reports on a delta between two similarly structured tables.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Original) The method of claim 10, further including automatically maintaining a current level of implementation of said worksheet grid form on said client workstation.

18. (Original) The method of claim 10, further including controlling access to data of a user in said database by partitioning said database into private and public database, wherein said user controls said access.

19-27 (Cancelled).

28. (Currently Amended) A method of creating a tabular data stream for sending data between a client workstation and a server computer through a network using a common object request broker architecture (CORBA), said method comprising:

creating a query form in said client workstation;

receiving a worksheet grid form in response to said query form, said worksheet grid form defining selected tabular data, wherein said worksheet grid form comprises multiple rows of data;

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packaging said worksheet grid form to represent updated data for said tabular data stream, wherein said packaging of said worksheet grid form includes editing results of said query form and saving changes of data contained in said worksheet grid form in a database of said server; and

applying commit rule options, during said saving of said changes of data contained in said worksheet grid, to choose a method by which errors are handled during the processing of database updates, deletes, and inserts;

wherein said packaging said worksheet grid form includes making cascaded mass changes to a set of related data across multiple tables, and

wherein said packaging said worksheet grid form includes allowing only tables, rows, and columns to be updated by authorized users.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, wherein said creating of said query form creates secure complex queries based on a selection of table, columns, and constraints maintained in a database of said server computer.

30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, wherein said receiving of said worksheet grid form creates a snapshot from data in a database of said server.

31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, wherein said packaging said worksheet grid form includes producing reports capable of summarizing information by selected groups.

32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, wherein said packaging said worksheet grid form includes producing comparison reports on a delta between two similarly structured tables.

33. (Cancelled)

34. (Cancelled)

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35. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, further including automatically maintaining a current level of implementation of said worksheet grid form on said client workstation.